

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0067] of the specification as follows:

In the arrangement depicted in **FIG. 3**, VGA **204** includes a first subset **316** of non-attenuated gain stages, including gain stages **302(1)-302(20)**. First subset gain stages **316** have substantially equal respective maximum gains. Amplifier array **204** also includes a second subset **320** of attenuated gain stages, including gain stages **302(21)-302(70)**. In an example arrangement, second subset gain stages **320** have progressively decreasing maximum gains in the direction **302(21)-302(70)**. In another example arrangement, VGA **204** includes a third subset of constant-attenuated gain stages, (not shown in **FIG. 3**) e.g., gain stages ~~**304(71)-304(90)**~~, added to the bottom of the structure depicted in **FIG. 3**. All of the third subset of gain stages have fixed, constant attenuation.

Amendments to the Figures

Applicants submit replacement FIG. 3. The replacement figure conforms to the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added. An annotated sheet showing the modification to FIG. 3 in red is also attached.